(b) whether Government proposes to fix maximum limit of foreign exchange reserve; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) India's total foreign exchange reserves were estimated at US $ 118,319 million on July 30, 2004. The reserves comprised foreign currency assets (US $ 112,967 million), gold (US $ 4,057 million), special drawing rights (US $ 2 million) and reserve tranche position (US $ 1,293 million) in the IMF.

(b) Government does not propose to fix any maximum limit on foreign exchange reserves.

(c) Does not arise.

Cost Audit on Chocolates and Milk Products

1340. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of goods covered under cost audit and under what provisions;

(b) whether it is a fact that chocolates and processed milk products are under cost audit;

(c) if so, what are the names of the companies engaged in their manufacture;

(d) whether it is also a fact that almost all the companies are multinationals;

(e) if so, what are the considerations which led to exclude them from cost audit; and

(f) what steps are being taken to strengthen cost audit on chocolates and milk products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) Cost Audit Orders have been issued on select companies under section 233(B) of the Companies Act, 1956 on the goods listed against the industries and are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b), (e) and (f) Milk products like Infant milk food, malted milk food and energy food, food drink are covered under cost audit.

Under the Cost Accounting Record (Milk Food) Amendment Rules, 2001, all milk products stood covered. Several representations from the Industry Associations brought out the hardships caused to them because the notification did not prescribe the definition of milk product clearly and even small quantity of milk in a product made it subject to cost audit. On considering such representations, the Government decided to issue clarification, pending issuance of formal notification, that milk food rules would be applicable to only those products which were covered in the pre-revised rules. The revised notification is under issue.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected.

Statement

List of Industries and the Products covered under section 209(1)(D) of the Companies Act, 1956.

Sl. No.	Industry	Products
1	Cement	Cement, Clinker
2	Cycles	Cycles, component of cycles
3	Caustic Soda	Caustic Soda
4	Tyres & Tubes	Rubber tyres and tubes for all types of vehicles
5	Air-Conditioners	Air conditioning system or device by which air is controlled for the fulfillment of required condition of the confined space through controlling temperature, humidity, air purity and air motion for human comforts
6	Refrigerators	Refrigerators
7	Batteries other than Dry Cell Batteries	Dry Battries of all types other than Dry Cell Batteries
8	Electric Lamps	Electric lamps of all types
9	Electric Fan	Any type of electric fan
10	Electric Motors	All types of electric motors
11	Motor Vehicles	(a) All types of passenger cars, jeeps and station wagons
		(b) All types of commercial vehicles, delivery and pick up vans
		(c) Motor cycles, scooters, scooterettes & mopeds

Sl. No.	Industry	Products
		(d) Three-Wheeler Vehicles
		(e) All types of tractors
12	Aluminium	1. Alumina
		2. Aluminium
		3. Aluminium ingots in any form or alloy
		4. Aluminium rolled products including foil
		5. Aluminium extruded products
		6. Properzirod or Aluminium wire rod
		7. Any other aluminium product or its alloy
13	Vanaspati	Refined vegetable oils and vegetable oil products as also Industrial Hard Oil.
14	Bulk Drugs	Bulk Drugs under any system of medicine including Ayurvedic, Homeopathic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicine and intermediates thereof
15	Sugar	Sugar by vacuum pan process and excludes jaggery and khandsari
16	Industrial Alcohol	1. Absolute Alcohol
		2. Rectified spirit
		3. Denatured and special denatured spirit
		4. Power alcohol
17	Jute Goods	Jute goods - Yarn, Twine, Fabrics or any other product made wholly from, or containing not less than 50% by weight of, jute including bimlipattam jute or mesta fibres
18	Paper	Paper - used for printing, writing and wraping, newsprint, paperboard, and exercise note books
19	Rayon	1. Viscose staple fibre in all forms
		2. Viscose filament yarn
		3. Viscose tyre yarn/cord/Fabric
		4. 100% Viscose Yarn Fabric
		5. Acetate yarn/fibre
		6. Rayon film (Cellophane Film)
20	Dyes	Acid dyes, basic dyes, direct dyes, sulphur dyes, vat dyes, azoic dyes, ingrained dyes, metal complex dyes, disperse dyes, reactive dyes, oil dyes, and water soluble dyes.
21	Soda Ash	Soda Ash in all forms

Sl. No.	Industry	Products
22	Polyester	1. Polyester fibre 2. Polyester filament yarn 3. Polyester Chips 4. Polyester Fibre Fill (PFF) 5. Partially Oriented Yarn (POY) 6. Processed Polyester yarn (texturised, twisted, dyed, crimped, etc.) 7. 100% Polyester fabrics
23	Nylon	1. Nylon chip 2. Nylon fibre 3. Nylon filament yarn 4. Nylon partially oriented yarn 5. Nylon tyre yarn or cord 6. Nylon tyre cord fabric 7. 100% Nylon fabrics
24	Textiles	Any art silk cloth, cloth, cotton yarn or cotton cloth, processed yarn and processed cloth, man-made fibre yarn or man made fibre cloth, silk yarn or silk cloth, wool, woollen yarn or woollen cloth, yarn or other textiles products.
25	Dry Cell Batteries	All types of dry cell batteries & components thereof
26	Sulphuric Acid	Sulphuric acid in the various grades-Technical (Commercial), Battery, Pure, Analytical etc.
27	Steel Tubes and Pipes	Steel Tubes & Pipes (including stainless steel) both black & galvanized
28	Engineering	1. Power driven pumps 2. Internal combustion engines 3 Diesel Engines 4 All type of automotive parts and accessories 5 Power Transformers 6 Electric generator 7 Machine tools
29	Electric Cables and Conductors	(a) Power cables (All types-PILC, PVC, XLPE etc.)

Sl. No.	Industry	Products
		(b) VIR/Rubber covered cables & flexible wires of all types
		(c) PVC insulated cables, flexible wires of all types including switchboard wires & cables
		(d) Enamelled covered wires & strips
		(e) Wire & strips covered with paper, glass, silk & any other types of insulating materials
		(f) AAC/ACSR Conductors
		(g) Telecommunication cables
30	Bearings	Bearings of various types *e.g.* ball & roller bearings, needle bearing of various sizes
31	Milk Food	Any type of Milk food including Infant Milk food such as milk powder, malted milk food, complementary or supplementary food of infants and children, energy food or food drink under any brand name, derivatives of milk such as icecream, chocolates, desi ghee
32	Chemical	1. Ethylene
		2. Ethylene Oxide
		3. Ethylene Glycol
		4. Diethylene Glycol
		5. Polyethylene Glycol
		6. Ethylene Dechloride
		7. Propylene
		8. Isopropanol
		9. Acetone
		10. Diacetone Alcohol
		11. Methyl Isobutyl Ketone (MIK)
		12. Butanol
		13. 2 Ethyl Hexanol
		14. Butadiene
		15. Benzene
		16. Toluene
		17. Synthetic Resins & Plastics
		18. Synthetic Rubber
		19. Boric Acid

Sl. No.	Industry	Products
		20. Sodium Tripoly Phosphate
		21. Aluminium Fluoride
		22. Calcium Carbide
		23. Carbon Black
		24. Titanium Dioxide
		25. Acetic Acid
		26. Acetic Anhydride
		27. Aniline
		28. Chloro Methanes
		29. Formaldehyde
		30. Lineer Alkyl Benzene
		31. Maleic Anhydride
		32. Methanol
		33. Methyl Ethyl Ketone
		34. Nitrobenzene
		35. Ortho Nitro Chloro Benzene
		36. Para Nitro Chloro Benzene
		37. Polypropylene
		38. Polyethylenes viz. LDPE, HDPE, LLDPE
		39. Penta Erithritol
		40. Phenol
		41. Xylenes
33	Formulations	All formulations under any system of medicine including Ayurvedic, Homeopathic, Siddha and Unani
34	Steel Plant	Steel & steel products, Steel products includes Ingot Steel, Blooms, Billets, Slabs (code as well as semi-finished); steel products produced by backward integration like Coal basc d Sponge Iron, Gas based hot briquetted Iron, steel products produced by fo
35	Insecticides	1. Insecticides
		2. Fungicides
		3. Redenticides
		4. Nematicide
		5. Weedicide

Sl. No.	Industry	Products
		6. Plant growth Regulant
		7. Herbicides
		8. Fumigants
		9. Bio-pesticides
36	Fertilizers	1. Straight Nitrogenous Fertilizers
		2. Straight Phosphatic Fertilizers
		3. Straight Potassic Fertilizers
		4. N.P. Fertilizers
		5. N.P.K. Fertilizers
		6. Micro Nutrients
		7. Fortified Fertilizers
37	Soaps & Detergents	Cleansing material used for cleaning, laundry/washing, bathing/toilet purposes and includes soaps and detergents (Whether in the form of cake, powder or liquid)
38	Cosmetics & Toiletries	Powders, Creams, Toothpastes, Toothpowders, Shaving Creams, After shave lotions, Shaving soaps, Shaving foams, Perfumes, Hair oils, Hair creams, Oxidation hair dyes, Mouthwash, Cologne, Shampoos-soap based, Shampoos-synthetics, detergent based, Room freshner
39	Footwear	Shoes, boots, sandals, chappals, slippers, play shoes & moccasins
40	Shaving Systems	1. Shaving blades
		2. Razors
		3. Any part or component thereof
		4. Any other shaving instrument
41	Industrial Gases	Oxygen Gas, Nitrogen Gas, Acetylene Gas, Hydrogen Gas, Nitrous oxide Gas, Argon Gas, Helium Gas, Carbon di-oxide Gas

Ban on attracting multilateral funding

1341. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed any ban on Kerala for attracting multilateral funding;